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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 9, 2006 (Paper No. 20060105), applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-3 for continued examination, with traverse.

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